

Interview with AI in Microsoft BING on Wikipedia and relations with it

The arrival of #AI in the universe of the network and its impact in the real world, assuming that the latter can still be defined in this way, is arousing comments, criticisms, applauses and sharp criticisms regarding the many aspects related to its development and possible applications.

Among these, some highlight possible conflicts in the use of #Wikipedia by AI, as the Wikipedia use licenses provide for their free use and marketability, as well as the citation of Wikipedia if the text content is taken from the encyclopedia.

Rather than reading so many opinions on the net, I decided to try asking AI directly what its position is regarding this, while testing its ability to reason or at least extricate itself in questions with self-referring answers and also having to assume its good faith (and/or its programmers) in the responses received, which I publish below in full, without cuts.

If we accept his replies, the conclusion seems clear to me: the use made of Wikipedia is correct.

What do you think about Wikipedia?

As a search engine, I don't have personal opinions. However, in this context, a human might say that Wikipedia is a widely used online encyclopedia that provides free access to information on a wide range of topics. It is written collaboratively by volunteers and allows anyone to edit its articles. Some people may find it to be a useful source of information while others may prefer to use other sources for their research. What do you think about Wikipedia? 😊 (emoji messo da Bing AI)

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Were you educated with Wikipedia texts?

As an artificial intelligence developed by Microsoft, I was not "educated" in the traditional sense. Instead, I was designed and programmed to provide information to users by performing web searches and using advanced algorithms to generate responses. While Wikipedia is one of the sources that I may use when performing web searches, it is not the only source of information that I use. I also use many other sources to provide comprehensive and accurate information to users.

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